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(SBU) Director of the Office of Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Paul Gibbard told PolOff that he has been in frequent contact with L/HRR on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN DRIP). Gibbard stated that high-level deliberations on indigenous rights are ongoing in Canada, and noted that while he had no news to report at the moment, Canada may make some policy decisions in the coming weeks. The USG does not implement programs supporting indigenous communities in Canada.

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